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Mr. Francis read the circular, which is as follows:—

Hongkong, 29th March, 1899.  
DEAR SIR, The undersigned, being aware that his transactions in the Ropes Company's shares interest many people, desires to make the following statement:—He is aware from evidence that he has purchased the shares of a "Ring" in Ropes, which has successfully combined and worked to "corner" the market, has procured bogus quotations, and will probably again endeavor to do so. The "Ring" succeeded some time ago in getting a quotation at \$200 per share, which was immediately followed by a sale for cash at \$120 per share; whilst again, without any change in the situation of the Company, or any reason whatever, the existence and extortionate desire of the "Ring," a quotation has been obtained at \$200. Here being, however, no change in the situation of the Company, the undersigned has resolved to resist and expose the "Ring." Being anxious, however, that it should not be supposed that he resists the fraud attempted merely because the market may have gone against him, the undersigned announces to all whom it may concern, that he is offering a price far in excess of the real value of the shares, and also in excess of the last bona fide transactions, (contracts in which the undersigned was himself the buyer) simply for the sake of his name, and not at all on account of the real value of the shares. He is ready to pay for the contracts, in case he cannot deliver shares, at the rate of \$150 per share, and brokers' fees. The above offer is made without prejudice to the undersigned's legal defence, should it in any case not be accepted; and he expressly disclaims assuming thereby that \$150 represents the fair market rate. On the contrary, he is fully aware that but for the existence of a "Ring" the shares of the Company—par value \$50—would never have gone to such a premium. Nevertheless, in the absence of any fair market, the undersigned is not prepared to allow himself to be himself at the above excessive rate, in order to guard against misconstruction of his motives in resisting individual attempts at extortion.

The undersigned is advised that he is not liable in damages for non-delivery of shares except to the extent of the difference between his contract price and such price as a jury may find as the bona fide market price of the shares on the date of delivery, viz: March the 31st instant. Persons having contracts with the undersigned, and desiring to procure this notice concerning the "Ring" of the market, will do so at their own risk. A suit has already been threatened against the undersigned, which will admit of the question being brought to an issue and decision in a Court of law.

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